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## At Lancaster Co. Holstein Show

### Kline's homebred Holstein earns top honors



Here are the champions from the annual Lancaster County Holstein Show, Thursday. Top honors went to Russel L. Kline of R2 Denver. His entry, 4-year-old Vern Lee Tidy Win, was a homebred Holstein. Reserve Champion honors went to Joyce Blank of Kinzers with her 3-year-old Holstein, Con-Noll

Marvex Jo, bred by Joyce's father Nathan Stoltzfus of Gap. From left are, Gail Ginder, alternate dairy princess; JoAnn Brenneman, alternate dairy princess; Joyce Blank; Russel L. Kline; Judge Obie Snider; and LuAnn Brenneman, Lancaster County dairy princess.

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ

QUARRYVILLE — A 4-year-old cow, bred and showed by Russel L. Kline of R2 Denver, emerged from the showing with Grand Champion honors against competition of almost 180 entries, at the annual Lancaster County Holstein Show, Thursday.

Vern Lee Tidy Win is the first homebred animal in three year to win the event.

Kline, who milks about 50 cows on his Holstein operation, said Tidy Win scored VG-88 with a test of 106.3 and has scored over 100 pounds consecutively for three months. She has been projected in her third year of milking at 23,000 with 1,000 pounds of butterfat.

Kline, who had Tidy Win entered in the same event last year, said she will be sold at the Pennsylvania All-American Sale in September.

Tidy Win's dam is Lady-Y-Run Tidy Glory and the sire is Coyuga-Inlet Kennedy Win.

After receiving his Grand Champion trophy, Kline admitted, "I thought she'd do well," then added, "but I had no idea what she'd do."

Reserve Champion honors went to Clifford and Joyce Blank of Kinzers.

Joyce, 22, who showed 3-year-old Con-Noll Marvex Jo to reserve honors, said she received the same title at this event last year but with a different Holstein. She has been showing since she was nine year old.

The Blanks have rented a farm in Kinzers since June of 1981 which was previously operated by Clifford's uncle, Jacob Kreider. They milk about 30 registered Holsteins. (Story on Blanks' Smiling Holsteins, Lancaster Farming July 17 issue.)

Marvex Jo freshened in April and has a record of about 16,000, according to Joyce. This new reserve champion and about 20

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## Block announces

### '83 wheat program

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Farmers learned the answer to the nagging question "What does Secretary Block plan to do with the 1983 wheat program?" last Wednesday. That was the day Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block made public his decision for a 20 percent acreage reduction program for 1983 crop wheat and advance wheat deficiency payments to those farmers who participate in the program.

His announcement drew strong criticism from Farm Bureau's Robert Delano who termed it the least effective option for providing the incentive farmers need to cut back on grain production.

And, on the same day as Block's announcement, Congressman Berkley Bedell of Iowa introduced a 1983 acreage diversion bill designed to give farmers more incentive to reduce grain acres an additional 10 percent with a \$2 per bushel payment for wheat.

In announcing the USDA 1983 wheat program, Block said confidently, "The reduced acreage program should strengthen wheat

prices by limiting next year's harvest and the buildup of stocks. At the same time, the program will increase long-term conservation on wheat land.

"Participation is voluntary, but only those farmers who enter the program will be eligible for price support loans, target price protection and eligibility for the farmer-owned grain reserve."

Block also said the U.S. Department of Agriculture is intensifying its wheat export efforts and expanding its export credit sales program. (See related story, Exports are linchpin...)

Block announced additional credit financing under the export credit guarantee (GSM 102) program. This will expand credit to countries buying U.S. farm products. The additional authorization of \$300 million will increase the program's level to \$2.8 billion from the currently authorized \$2.5 billion.

While high interest rates have discouraged the use of guaranteed loan programs this year, this

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## Steele wins nat'l marketing award

BY SHEILA MILLER

HERSHEY — Chester County dairy farmer and Agway chairman George Steele admits he is "rarely at a loss for words." But Thursday evening, Steele, who was serving as master of ceremonies for the final meeting of the National Agricultural Marketing Officers, suddenly found himself speechless.

In what Steele termed a "truly sneaky" approach, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's marketing officer James Sumner and fellow NAMO members from 41 states (including Alaska and Hawaii) surprised Steele by presenting him with their annual award.

In one of his last official acts as the organization's president, Ken

Meier of Oregon congratulated Steele for his achievements as "an outstanding spokesman for agriculture."

"He has helped bridge the communication gap between the farm and nontarm communities throughout the nation," said Meier. "He combines the rare gifts of intelligence, depth of knowledge, and sincerity in his work with an ability to stimulate large and small audiences to action."

Steele, who has been in the dairy business most of his life, continues in the operation of a family dairy farm, milking 100 cows with another 100 head of young stock. But over the years, he has combined his farming career with

community and industry service.

For 18 years, Steele served as one of his township's supervisors. He also was vice chairman of the board of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative Association from 1963-64, and was a member of that association for 11 years, along with his local Chester-Delaware association.

After Pa. Farm Bureau became part of Agway in 1965, Steele served as vice chairman in 1971 and was elected chairman in 1972.

"As chairman of the board of Agway, he has helped preserve the markets of many dairy farmers in the Northeast," added Meier. "He has led Agway to become a giant marketing co-op that services,

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Agway chairman and dairy farmer George Steele, second from right, received the annual award presented by the National Agricultural Marketing Officers. Pennsylvania's marketing officer, Jim Sumner, right, hosted the event

held in Hershey this week. Gail Danilson, left, of Iowa became the new NAMO president, succeeding Ken Meier of Oregon. Speaking at the groups final session Thursday evening was Sperry New Holland's Walt Buescher, center.

## Here's Otis



LITITZ — If you think farmers have nothing to smile about these days, it's time you get to know Otis. This lovable, bib-overalled farmer has joined Lancaster Farming and each week will be sharing his down-to-earth views about agriculture with you.

Otis gets his somewhat-biased opinions on farming from talented cartoonist Dave Carpenter of Emmetsburg, Iowa.

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